

# **RHODE ISLAND STATE APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting of April 26, 2005**

**In Attendance: William Holmes, Chairperson**

**Harold “Buddy” Ekno, Supervisor of Apprenticeship  
Training**

**William Riley**

**William Lepore**

**Edwin Sullivan**

**Joseph Contarino**

**William O’Rourke**

**Michael Ruggeri**

**Howard Carney**

**The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, William Holmes at 9:30 a.m.**

**There is a quorum. David Rampone was the only member not in attendance.**

**The first item on the agenda is acceptance of the minutes of the Tuesday, March 22, 2005 meeting of the State Apprenticeship Council. A motion was made by Mr. William Lepore to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Joseph Contarino seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.**

## **1. Apprentice Approvals**

**Buddy Ekno stated that all items under apprentice approvals are in order and ready for the State Apprenticeship Council's approval with the exception of Portola Tech International and its two (2) employees which will be held until the May meeting of the State Apprenticeship Council. Mr. William Riley made a motion to approve all new apprentice approvals with the exception of Portola Tech International and its two (2) employees. Mr. Lepore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The following are the new apprentices who have been approved:**

**Air & Energy, Inc. – Richard Bolin, III, Refrigeration Combination I**

**Airhart Electric, Inc. – Robert Keene, Electrician**

**American Electric – Dominic Saviano, Electrician**

**Jim Boyajian B.Z. Electric – Chad J. Wilson, Electrician**

**Coldmasters Temperature Control, Inc. – Andrew Baum, Refrigeration  
Class 2**

**Controls, Heating & Air Conditioning – David L. DiTusa, Refrigeration  
Class 1**

**David Hummel Dave's Electric – Michael Jorge, Electrician**

**PowerComm Systems, Inc. – Mark S. Deleo, Electrician**

**Duff Electric Corporation -- Harry L. Gonsalez, Electrician; Justin D.  
Fortune,**

## **Electrician**

**DWI Group – Hector Dejesus, Electrician**

### **Apprentice Approvals – Continued:**

**Eastern Electric Construction Co., Inc. -- Timothy Walter Gaska, Electrician**

**Gambit Electric – Nick M. Gallucci, Electrician**

**Henderson Electric, Inc. – Michael McEttrick, Electrician; Paolo Machado, Electrician**

**Kingston HVAC – William Barbery, Pipefitter Class 2**

**KS Electric – Kevin J. Kelley, Electrician**

**Massed Electric Co., Inc. – Christopher Romano, Electrician**

**Morra Electric, Inc. – Nicholas Bertrand, Electrician**

**National Refrigeration, Inc. – Steven M. Galli, Refrigeration/Pipefitter Combination**

**Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union #51 JATC – Alfred J. Archetto, Pipefitter/Refrigeration**

**Regan Engineering & Service Corp. – Jose M. Medeiros, Pipefitter Class 1**

**RI Carpenters JATC – Paulino Alcantara, Cabinet Making; Isabel J. Mayen, Cabinet Making; David Rosa, Carpentry**

**SJV Electric, Inc. – Edward J. Imondi, Electrician**

**Paul Scotto Electrical Construction, Inc. – Jason W. Mullett, Electrician**

**Sun Fire Protection – Robert Kohler, Sprinkler Fitter**

**Tafari Electric, Inc. – Richard T. Weber, Electrician**

**Tru Electric – Ashley Richardson, Electrician**

## **2. New Companies**

**Mr. Ekno stated that all items under new company approvals are in order and ready for the State Apprenticeship Council's approval. Mr. Riley made a motion to approval all new companies. Mr. O'Rourke seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The following are the new companies which have been approved:**

**Banna Electric – Christopher J. Banna, Electrician**

**Kingstown Heating & Air Conditioning – Alex Castosa, Refrigeration Class 2; William**

**Barbery, Pipefitter Class 2**

**Luso Plumbing & Heating – Carlos Martins, Pipefitter Class 2**

**Tucker Electrical Contracting – Earl Sandland, Electrician**

**Victor Electric Contractor –Joseph Hernandez, Electrician**

## **3. Completion Certificates**

**Mr. Ekno stated that all items under completion certificates are in order and ready for the State Apprenticeship Council's approval. Mr. Lepore made a motion to approve all**

**completion certificates. Mr. Ruggeri seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The following are the completion certificates which have been approved:**

**RI Bricklayers Local #1 -- David Zielinski, Bricklayer; Steven B. Prout, Bricklayer**

**Local #57 Operating Engineers – Martin Jackson, Jr., Operating Engineer**

**Etco Cord Products – Michael R. Nadeau, Toolmaker**

**4. Apprentices, Sponsors and Standards needing assistance from the Council:**

**None**

## **5. Communication Letters**

**There were three (3) communications. One was a letter from Gem Plumbing explaining the progress they have made with regards to their deficiencies, and requesting an additional 30 days to come into compliance. They still cannot indenture anyone until they comply, and this is their last extension before their program would be**

considered for decertification. Mr. Lepore made a motion to grant a 30 day extension to Gem Plumbing to come into compliance. Mr. O'Rourke seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The second communication was from IBEW Local 99. They are requesting approval by the SAC for their "Local Residential Wireman Apprenticeship and Training Standards". Mr. Ekno informed the Council that everything is in order to be approved. Mr. Lepore made a motion to approve the standards as recommended by the Department. Mr. Ruggeri seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The third communication was from Train\_Rite Services, LLC/Mr. Peter E. Bouley. Mr. Bouley wants to start a training course for heavy equipment operators. He will be using the certified curriculum published by Prentice Hall for NCCER which covers safety, proper operation and also specific exercises to be conducted by the student while operating this equipment. Mr. Bouley stated in his letter that he was informed by Mr. Howard Carney that the Operating Engineers have a program in place. Mr. Carney further explained to Mr. Bouley that from the conversation they had it was clear Mr. Bouley was not familiar with the concept of the SAC, and Mr. Carney attempted to give him an introduction. By the end of their conversation, Mr. Carney was of the impression that Mr. Bouley wanted to offer pre-apprenticeship training which is training that would prepare an applicant with less than the minimum qualifications needed to enter a

registered apprenticeship program. Such training would make the individual eligible to meet the minimum qualifications required by the Rhode Island Apprenticeship Council and any sponsor who would like to indenture an individual that possess these minimum qualifications. Mr. Carney's Department encourages this type of program. Mr. Carney

recommended that Mr. Bouley talk to the Licensing Board before progressing any further with this however. Mr. Carney also informed Mr. Bouley that he does not endorse any training programs without the consent of the Council which is the agency of record.

Mr. Contarino made a motion that this item should not be on the agenda. It was not addressed to the SAC. It was addressed to the Department of Labor & Training, and this is not an Apprenticeship Council matter. It is a matter for the licensing agency, and should be addressed to the Board of Hoisting Engineers. Mr. Riley seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Bernard Trembl from Local #57 Operating Engineers was also in attendance at the meeting today in regards to this letter, which he believes is a slight to the Operating Engineer's Program. Mr. Trembl voiced his displeasure to the Board regarding Mr. Bouley's comments, which are false. Mr. Trembl also informed the Council that he is no longer the Training Director. He has been asked to step up to the Business Agent position now, and his son, Chris Trembl is now

**replacing him as the Training Director.**

## **6. Old Business**

**Sub-committee on rules and regulations – It was agreed upon by all that because the Council is so busy preparing for the 2005 ESAC Conference, the sub-committee on rules and regulations will not meet until after the ESAC Conference, probably sometime in July or August.**

## **7. New Business**

**Buddy Ekno stated that Airhart Electric is asking for OTJ Training hours from Massachusetts. They are saying that they are a registered program in Massachusetts, and they want to transfer to a registered program in Rhode Island. Mr. Holmes stated that the Council needs this individual to provide them with more detailed information from Massachusetts documenting that he is from a bonafide registered program, and then the Council will look at it for consideration.**

## **8. Any Further Discussion**

**ESAC 2005 – William Holmes informed the Council that the**



**Conference is getting very close. There are still several members of the council who have not registered. Mr. Holmes brought some packets for those individuals so that they can get registered.**

**The ESAC Committee has a push on right now for the Ad Books. May 15, 2005 is the deadline.**

**There was no further business before the Council. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Contarino at 9:50 a.m. Mr. Ruggeri seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.**

**The next meeting of the State Apprenticeship Council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in Building 70, second floor conference room, Cranston, RI.**